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SUBJ: VIETNAMESE SPIN-OFF FROM THAI-LAO BORDER CLASH

REF: A. BNAGKOK 24720 B. FBIS OW241601Y NOV 75 C. BANGKOK 24676

SUMMARY: THE DRV STEPS UP ITS MEDIA ATTACKS ON TAHILAND,  
AND ANTI-VIETNAMESE RIOTING OCCURS IN THAILAND. A PRG  
DELEGATION HAS ARRIVED IN BANGKOK TO ATTEND ESCAP MEETING.  
END SUMMARY.

1. IN THE FIRST IMPORTANT ANTI-VIETNAMESE DEMONSTRATIONS  
SINCE MAY, THAI MOBS WHICH STARTED OUT BY ACCUSING LONG-  
RESIDENT VIETNAMESE REFUGEES OF SIDING WITH LAOS HAVE  
ENDED UP BY LOOTING THEIR HOMES AND STORES IN SEVERAL  
TOWNS IN NORTHEAST THAILAND NOV 21 AND PARTICULARLY  
ON NOVEMBER 24, A REPORT ON THE LATEST RAMPAGE FROM CON-  
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SULATE UDORN IS BEING RPT SEPTTEL.

2. MEANWHILE, HANOI HAS CONSIDERABLY STEPPED UP BOTH THE NUMBER AND VEHEMENCE OF ITS MEDIA ATTACKS ON THAILAND, AND ESPECIALLY ON FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI CHUNHAWAN. AT THE SAME TIME IT IS DEFENDING LAOS, NORTH VIET-NAM IS ATTACKING CHATCHAI FOR "TRYING TO PUT THE BLAME ON THE DRV" AFTER HE CRITICIZED THAT COUNTRY FOR ITS HASTE IN ATTACKING THAILAND WITHOUT TAKING THE TIME TO ASCERTAIN ALL THE FACTS. ONE RECENT VIET-NAM NEWS AGENCY ITEM CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSION: "THIS PIECE OF SLANDER ONLY PROVES THAT THE THAI AUTHORITIES DO NOT WANT A NORMALIZATION OF THEIR COUNTRY'S RELATIONS WITH VIET-NAM, AS DESIRED BY THE THAI PEOPLE. IT RUNS COUNTER TO WHATEVER HAS BEEN PROFESSED BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS IN THE THAI GOVERNMENT ABOUT THAILAND'S GOOD RELATIONS WITH HER NEIGHBORS". (REF B). THE LATEST ACTIONS OF SOME THAI AGAINST THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES CAN BE EXPECTED TO PRODUCE FURTHER OUTBURSTS FROM HANOI.

3. A SOUTH VIETNAMESE DELEGATION ARRIVED IN BANGKOK NOV 24 FOR ESCAP'S MEETING OF SENIOR OFFICIALS TO REVIEW DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE IN THE REGION (REF C). IT WILL REMAIN HERE UNTIL THE 29TH, DURING WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IT WILL HAVE A FAIR AMOUNT OF FREE TIME. WHETHER OR NOT THE SOUTHVIETNAMESE WILL ENGAGE IN TALKS WITH THE RTG AS THE THEAI HAD HOPED IS AN OPEN QUESTION IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE STRAINS.

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